

I've got tuh let go uv tha' Shorty 'r lose ma life. Bof uv us kain' stay hyah tuh-geddah. See dis window-blin' ovah dis eye? See dis fist whut ain' no mo' use dan uh safety razah? See de trouble in my min'? Dat's all Scotty; nuffin' but Scotty, wid his funny ways. He's mos' ez funny ez uh fun'ral.

De Fo'th, uv July had some shadins tuh do wiv it, but it's mos' all Scotty, an' we mus' paht. Evah sence dat time we pull him outen uh tree top in de mountins an' he fin' out accidental dat Pandey lean tuh him, he been nothin' but trouble. He think he's thu only black spot on de yearth.

Long ez he kep' tuh hisself an' didn' say nothin' he wuz all right, but Pandey sho' fained him.

De Berries want tuh hev' much uv uh Fo'th, an' bein' 'sponsible faw mos' uv dey affairs uv pleashuah, dey nachully come tuh me. Cose, I say, de Fo'th is yose. Den I make uh little trip up town, an' I git de fiahwuks; no fiahwuks, no Fo'th, yuh knows. Dey put 'em all in uh big box an' sen' it roun' tuh de place. I hide it away an' say nothin' 'bout whut I got. Evahbody is invited tuh de shootin' same ez uh circus. Evahbody beggin' tuh tell whut I got, but I'm deaf an' dumb.

De Fo'th, in' uv uh day faw sody-watah, too' an' wuz all day cum I has de sody sent down. So I gighah lady's gin. Did yuh evah see u... ruby, ruby lips in uh sody glass? Yuh... slow cow pull uh foot outen de mud? Well, dat's it; dat's how it soun'.

Fiahwuks is sumptin' faw night-time, ain' it? Dis one wuz diffunt. It happen in de broad daylight when nobody want lookin' faw it. Dat was whah Scotty cum in. We git de big box outen de yahd whah we got plenty room, an' evahbody want tuh see whut's in it. I got dis faw uh surprise tuh ma love an' ma frien's. Dey had it.

Scotty say he open de box, so des tuh please him I let him do it. All de folks git close roun' an' Scotty take de lid off. When dey see all dem crackahs an' rockits an' bombs an' othah Christmas dey say, "he is de real, wahm coon an' know things lak uh grown man."

Cose I'm mighty pleased, an' I let 'em take uh long look. Scotty, he's leanin' ovah de box when he take uh foul notion he want uh cigarette. Fools an' cigarettes is alius mixin'. Nobody notice him when he light de cigarette an' drap he match right down in de middle uv dem' fables. Pstwitz!!!! Dat's all.

Scotty went straight up; hain' seen him sence an' ain' lookin' faw him special strong. De othahs went thu way dey happen tah be leanin' when de yearth split. Pinky, ma Pinky, she flew clar outen ma society, an' she ain' fell in thigla. Po' Bim Rollicotton is mos' ez distressful ez maself an' twiet ez lonesome. Sence de onex-pected separation Pinky hez sent me wud. She say, "De givin' uv sody-watah is de act uv uh puffer getman, but de spreadin' uv lightnin' is superflous an' painful. I gives yuh back yuh love."

Dat's evah bit Scotty. I mus' lose dat niggah.

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Through an error on the part of the committee, the evening's exhibition takes place at noon.

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